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1. SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS: THE AIRCRASH THAT KILLED

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE
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GEN. ZIA HAS BEEN DEVELOPED INTO A MAJOR DISINFORMATION THEME AND GENERATED NINE OF THE TWENTY-EIGHT STORIES CITED. U.S. INVOLVEMENT IN THE CRASH WAS FIRST ALLEGED BY THE WASHINGTON-BASED ASIAN NEWS INTERNATIONAL AND LATER PICKED UP BY THE PRO-SOVIET PRESS. AMERICAN MEDIA WERE CRITICIZED FOR REPEATING SPECULATION ON POSSIBLE INDIAN INVOLVEMENT. AN ATTEMPT TO RESURRECT THE BABY PARTS STORY IN A REGIONAL LANGUAGE DAILY DID NOT RECEIVE MUCH PLAY. ALLEGED U.S. AND PAKISTANI VIOLATIONS OF THE GENEVA AFGHAN ACCORDS CONTINUED AS A MAJOR THEME, AND CRITICISM OF U.S. NAVAL PRESENCE IN THE PERSIAN GULF AND CHARGES OF USG ATTEMPTS TO DESTABILIZE INDIA ALSO CARRIED OVER FROM PREVIOUS MONTHS.

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THE LULL FOLLOWING THE MOSCOW SUMMIT IN PLACEMENT HERE OF SOVIET DISINFORMATION AND PROPAGANDA ATTACKING THE UNITED STATES APPEARS ENDED. THE VOLUME OF SUCH MATERIAL THIS MONTH HAS BEEN HEAVY, EVEN BY PRE-SUMMIT STANDARDS.

AS USUAL, THE PRO-MOSCOW DAILY "PATRIOT" LED IN DISINFORMATION AND PROPAGANDA COVERAGE WITH SIX OF THE TWENTY-EIGHT CITATIONS AND THE PRO-CONGRESS(I) DAILY "NATIONAL HERALD" WAS SECOND WITH FIVE ARTICLES. OF THE TWENTY-ONE PUBLICATIONS CITED, SEVEN ARE IN BENGALI AND THE REST IN ENGLISH. BENGALI DAILIES "KALANTAR" "DAINIK BASUMATI" AND "GANASHAKTI" ARE COMMUNIST PUBLICATIONS. AMONG THE ENGLISH PUBLICATIONS

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"PATRIOT", "BLITZ", "THE DAILY" AND "NEWS TODAY" ARE PRO-MOSCOW.

2. THE FOLLOWING STORIES FROM SOVIET AND OTHER SOURCES APPEARED IN THE INDIAN PRESS DURING AUGUST, 1988. THESE ARE BRIEF SUMMARIES IDENTIFIED BY DATELINE, SOURCE, AND MEDIUM IN WHICH THEY APPEARED. THIS BRIEF REPORT PRESENTS A SAMPLE OF ANTI-U.S. PROPAGANDA AND DISINFORMATION APPEARING HERE, BUT IS NOT INTENDED TO BE A COMPREHENSIVE RECORD.

3. BOFORS DOCUMENTS BAZAAR: BOMBAY. THE DISCREDITED CASEY-HERITAGE FOUNDATION LETTER FORGERY SURFACED AGAIN IN THE BOMBAY WEEKLY 'BLITZ' WHICH FIRST PUBLISHED THIS FORGERY ON AUGUST 1, 1987, ACCUSING THE CIA AND THE

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4. 'OPERATION DESTABILIZATION OF INDIA, NEW PHASE':
NEW DELHI. AN EDITORIAL PAGE ARTICLE BY COLUMNIST V.D.
CHOPRA IN 'PATRIOT' ALLEGED THAT THE U.S., UNHAPPY WITH
INDIA'S "GREAT AND POSITIVE ROLE IN SHAPING MODERN
INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS," HAD "ENGAGED....IN A TOUGH
BATTLE FOR DESTABILIZING INDIA THROUGH PROXIES." THE
ARTICLE ALSO CHARGED THAT PAKISTAN OCCUPIES A KEY
STRATEGIC POSITION IN THE GEOPOLITICAL STRATEGY OF THE
PENTAGON AND IS BEING USED TO STIMULATE THE FORCES OF
DESTABILIZATION IN INDIA, ESPECIALLY IN THE PUNJAB.
("PATRIOT", AUGUST 8. SEE REFTEL B)

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5. "IMPERIALISTS" THREATEN TO DESTROY THE EARTH:

CALCUTTA. (CORRESPONDENT) VOWING NOT TO ALLOW THE
DESTRUCTION OF THE EARTH BY "IMPERIALIST WARMONGERS",
FOUR CALCUTTA WOMEN'S ORGANIZATIONS CRITICIZED THE GOI
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FOR "MORTGAGING" THE COUNTRY'S ECONOMIC POLICY TO
"AMERICAN IMPERIALISTS" BY ACCEPTING LOANS WITH STRINGS
ATTACHED. THEY ALSO ALLEGED THAT THE "IMPERIALISTS"
ARE AIDING AND ABETTING COMMUNAL AND SECESSIONIST
ELEMENTS, THUS POSING A THREAT TO THE UNITY AND
SOLIDARITY OF INDIA. (BENGALI DAILIES "GANASHAKTI" AND
"KALANTAR" AUGUST 10)

6. U.S. FLEET IN GULF ENDANGERS INDIA'S SECURITY:

CALCUTTA. WELCOMING THE IRAN-IRAQ CEASEFIRE, THE
COMMUNIST PARTY OF INDIA OWNED BENGALI DAILY "KALANTAR"
CALLED FOR STRENGTHENING THE MOVEMENT FOR WITHDRAWAL OF
U.S. FORCES FROM THE PERSIAN GULF. THE PAPER
EDITORIALLY REMINDED THE INDIAN GOVERNMENT THAT THE
U.S. NAVAL FLEET'S PRESENCE IN THE PERSIAN GULF AND ITS
SUPPLY OF SOPHISTICATED WEAPONS TO PAKISTAN ENDANGER
INDIA'S SECURITY. THE EDITORIAL WARNED AGAINST "U.S.
IMPERIALISTS" DISTURBING THE CEASEFIRE AS THEY ALONE
"SOUGHT TO DOMINATE THE REGION" BY EXPLOITING THE WAR.

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7. U.S. PLAYS PROTECTOR IN GULF, SAYS TASS: MOSCOW.
(PTI) IN AN ATTACK ON U.S. POLICIES IN WEST ASIA AND
LATIN AMERICA, TASS SUGGESTED THAT A UNITED NATIONS
NAVAL FORCE SHOULD ENSURE THE FREEDOM AND SAFETY OF
NAVIGATION IN THE GULF, AND ASKED "WHO HAS AUTHORIZED A
POWER (U.S.) TO ASSUME THE ROLE OF A GUARD AND
PROTECTOR OF A WHOLE REGION?" ("THE HINDUSTAN
TIMES", "INDIAN EXPRESS", "PATRIOT" AUGUST 12)

8. U.S. AID TO UNITA REBELS CONDEMNED: HARARE. (PTI)
ZIMBABWE PRESIDENT ROBERT MUGABE CONDEMNED THE UNITED
STATES FOR ITS "SENSELESS AND ABSOLUTELY STUPID
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POSTURE" IN SUPPORTING ANTI-GOVERNMENT UNITA REBELS IN
ANGOLA AND SAID THIS WAS "CONTRARY TO THE PEACE PROCESS
IN SOUTHERN AFRICA." AT A PRESS CONFERENCE, HE SAID,
"I HAVE NEVER UNDERSTOOD THE AMERICAN STRATEGY IN THE
REGION. IN FACT THEY SHOULD WORK FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT
OF BETTER RELATIONS WITH ANGOLA, AND HERE THEY ARE
ANNOUNCING CONTRARY TO THE SPIRIT AND LETTER OF THE
(GENEVA) AGREEMENT THAT THEY ARE GOING TO ASSIST
UNITA." ("THE HINDUSTAN TIMES", "INDIAN EXPRESS", "THE
TIMES OF INDIA", "NATIONAL HERALD" AUGUST 12)

9. AMERICA RESPONSIBLE FOR ARMS RACE ON
SUB-CONTINENT: CALCUTTA. IN AN EDITORIAL, THE BENGALI
DAILY "JUGANTAR" ALLEGED THAT AMERICA, AS THE SEVEREST
CRITIC OF INDIA'S NON-ALIGNED POLICY, HAS ALWAYS KEPT
INDIA UNDER PRESSURE. THE EDITORIAL SAID AMERICA HAS
BROUGHT THE WAR OF NERVES TO INDIA'S DOOR STEP BY
GIVING MILITARY AID TO PAKISTAN. WHILE THE ARMS RACE
IN THE SUB-CONTINENT IS DETRIMENTAL TO BOTH NATIONS'
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, "PAKISTAN'S PATRONS ARE WATCHING
THE FUN FROM A DISTANCE." (BENGALI DAILY "JUGANTAR"
AUGUST 15)

10. TRAFFIC IN HUMAN ORGANS: BUENOS AIRES. QUOTING A
LOCAL DAILY, THE UNITED NEWS OF INDIA (UNI) REPORTED
THAT "THE TRAFFICKERS IN HUMAN ORGANS ARE PURCHASING
NEWLY-BORN CHILDREN FROM THE LAPS OF THEIR
MOTHERS...AND AUCTIONING THEM AT VERY HIGH PRICES IN
THE U.S. MARKET. THE ORGANS OF THESE CHILDREN ARE VERY
ESSENTIAL FOR RESEARCH WORKS AND THE ORGANS OF A LATIN

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DAILY "AAJKAL" AUGUST 16. A SIMILAR STORY WITH GENEVA
DATELINE APPEARED EARLIER IN "AMRITA BAZAR PATRIKA" ON
AUGUST 13)

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11. USSR WARNS PAKISTAN AGAIN: NEW DELHI.
(CORRESPONDENT) FIRST SECRETARY OF THE USSR EMBASSY IN
NEW DELHI OLEG G. BONDAR WARNED PAKISTAN AGAINST ITS
"OBSTRUCTIONIST" POLICY TOWARD THE GENEVA ACCORDS ON
AFGHANISTAN AND CAUTIONED SUCH ACTS WOULD NOT BE
TOLERATED. HE CHARGED THAT PAKISTAN WAS NOT OBSERVING
THE GENEVA ACCORDS DUE TO AMERICAN MONEY AND ARMS THAT
THEY ARE RECEIVING. HE ACCUSED PAKISTAN OF PREVENTING
AFGHAN REFUGEES FROM RETURNING HOME SO THAT IT WOULD
CONTINUED TO GET UNDETECTED U.S. AID. ("PATRIOT",
"AMRITA BAZAR PATRIKA" AUGUST 17)

12. U.S. NOT OPPOSING PAK VIOLATIONS OF PACT: KABUL.
THE SOVIET NEWS AGENCY TASS QUOTED AN AFGHAN GOVERNMENT
STATEMENT CASTIGATING PAKISTAN FOR ARMING, AIDING AND
TRAINING AFGHAN REBELS TRYING TO TOPPLE THE NAJIB
GOVERNMENT. THE STATEMENT BLAMED THE UNITED STATES,
ONE OF THE PACT'S CO-GUARANTORS, FOR NOT OPPOSING THE
OBSTRUCTIONIST POLICY OF PAKISTANI AUTHORITIES IN
AFGHANISTAN." ("THE DAILY" OF BOMBAY, AUGUST 17)

13. INDIA USED AS DUMPING SITE: CHANDIGARH. QUOTING
FROM A REPORT PREPARED BY THE MALAYSIA-BASED "THIRD
WORLD NETWORK", THE 'EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE' ALLEGED THAT
MANY COMPANIES IN THE U.S. ARE ENGAGED IN BUYING TOXIC
WASTE FOR SALE TO THE THIRD WORLD. IT ALSO CHARGED
THAT MANY U.S. GOVERNMENT AGENCIES "LIKE THE DEPARTMENT
OF AGRICULTURE, THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY AND
VARIOUS CIVIL AND MILITARY WINGS HAD SOLD THEIR WASTES'
TO A NEW YORK BASED FIRM WHICH HAD SOLD THEM TO
COUNTRIES LIKE INDIA. ("INDIAN EXPRESS", AUGUST 18. SEE
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14. U.S. THEORY ON CAUSE OF CRASH MOTIVATED: NEW DELHI. (CORRESPONDENT) CHARGING WASHINGTON AND ISLAMABAD OF DELIBERATE OBFUSCATION ABOUT THE CAUSE OF THE CRASH THAT KILLED GEN. ZIA BY GIVING CURRENCY TO THE POSSIBILITY THAT AFGHANISTAN OR INDIA WOULD BENEFIT FROM HIS DEATH, "PATRIOT" SAID THE OBVIOUS INTENTION IS TO DRAW ATTENTION AWAY FROM THE OPPOSITION THAT THE LATE PRESIDENT FACED FROM HIS OWN PEOPLE. THE STORY ALLEGED THAT IF SUSPICION CAN BE GENERATED THAT EITHER THE AFGHAN GOVERNMENT, INDIA OR EVEN THE SOVIET UNION GOT RID OF PRESIDENT ZIA, "THE PEOPLE OF PAKISTAN COULD BE RALLIED AROUND THE NEW REGIME ON THE BASIS OF AN IMMINENT THREAT TO PAKISTAN FROM THESE SOURCES." ("PATRIOT" AUGUST 19)

15. DEATH CAUGHT ZIA MAKING HIS LAST ANTI-INDIA MOVE: NEW DELHI. IN A FRONT PAGE ANALYSIS, THE "PATRIOT" COMMENTATOR ON MILITARY AFFAIRS SAID PRESIDENT ZIA HAD GONE TO BAHAWALPUR TO WATCH A DEMONSTRATION OF THE LATEST U.S.-BUILT ABRAMS MIAI MAIN BATTLE TANK. THE NEWSPAPER CHARGED THAT "TESTING BETRAYS ONCE AGAIN THAT PAKISTAN'S MAIN DEFENSIVE DEPLOYMENT IS AGAINST INDIA AND THE U.S. IS COLLUDING FULLY IN THE PAKISTANI MILITARY DICTATORSHIP'S PLAN AGAINST THIS COUNTRY." ("PATRIOT" AUGUST 19)

16. U.S. PLANS TO PARTITION AFGHANISTAN: BOMBAY. ARUN SADHU, EDITOR OF THE "FREE PRESS JOURNAL" WRITES THAT PAKISTAN, WITH U.S. HELP, IS WORKING HARD ON "SINISTER PLANS TO ESTABLISH A TOEHOLD AT SOME PLACE WITHIN AFGHANISTAN IN THE NAME OF A MUJAHIDEEN GROUP TO

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DECLARE THE FORMATION OF A REBEL GOVERNMENT." THE U.S.
HAS INDICATED ITS WILLINGNESS TO RECOGNIZE SUCH A
GOVERNMENT WHICH COULD RECEIVE ITS ARMS AND REGULAR
HELP, THUS PREPARING TO PARTITION AFGHANISTAN. HE
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COMMENTED, IT IS A FAMILIAR TRAGEDY WHICH HAS BEFALLEN MANY THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES WHICH HAPPENED TO BE IN THE VORTEX OF SUPER-POWER RIVALRIES. ("FREE PRESS JOURNAL" AUGUST 19)

17. U.S. OFFICIALS "USE POISON PEN" AGAINST INDIA: WASHINGTON. THE PRESS TRUST OF INDIA (PTI) RELYING ON UNNAMED INDIAN OBSERVERS, SAID THAT U.S. OFFICIALS, IN ORDER TO SHOW SYMPATHY AND SUPPORT FOR PAKISTAN AFTER GEN. ZIA'S DEATH, HAVE RESORTED TO "REPREHENSIBLE" INNUENDOS SUGGESTING INDIA WAS AMONG THE SUSPECTS IN THE POSSIBLE SABOTAGE OF ZIA'S PLANE. THIS IS DONE BY RESORTING TO POISON PEN TACTICS USING UNSUSPECTING REPORTERS OF REPUTABLE NEWSPAPERS FOR THIS "NEFARIOUS PURPOSE." ("INDIAN POST" OF BOMBAY AUGUST 20)

18. U.S. TAKES CREDIT FOR GULF PEACE: BOMBAY. CITING U.S. PRESS REPORTS CLAIMING THAT THE DESTRUCTION OF THE IRANIAN AIRLINER BROUGHT PEACE TO THE GULF, THE WEEKLY "BLITZ" CHARGED THAT THE U.S. PRESS HAS PUT "A MORAL SHEEN ON MURDERING 298 CIVILIANS FLYING IN AN AIRBUS ALONG A PRESCRIBED AIR CORRIDOR." THE WEEKLY ACCUSED TH U.S. PRESS OF BEING RACIST IN ITS REPORTING OF THE TRAGEDY AND EMPHASIZING THE "SUPPOSED ANGUISH" OF THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CRIME AS WELL AS OF BLACKING OUT COVERAGE OF THE GRIEF OF VICTIMS' RELATIVES. (WEEKLY "BLITZ" AUGUST 20)

19. U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT KNEW OF POSSIBLE OUSTER OF ZIA: CALCUTTA. AN ARTICLE IN THE BENGALI DAILY "BARTAMAN" ALLEGED THAT THE STATE DEPARTMENT COMMISSIONED PROF. HARDGRAVE OF TEXAS UNIVERSITY TO PREPARE A SECRET REPORT ON PRESIDENT ZIA WHICH UNCLASSIFIED

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INDICATED THAT SOME SECTIONS OF THE ARMY MIGHT OVERTHROW HIM. RECALLING THAT PROF. HARDGRAVE HAD EARLIER "FORECAST MRS. GANDHI'S ASSASSINATION" IN A REPORT PREPARED FOR THE STATE DEPARTMENT, THE ARTICLE IMPLIED THAT THE STATE DEPARTMENT MIGHT HAVE KNOWN OF THE CRASH PLOT BEFOREHAND. (BENGALI DAILY "BARTAMAN" AUGUST 20. SEE REFTTEL D)

20. ATOMIC WEAPONS USE IN WWII: MADRAS. SPEAKING AT AN INDO-SOVIET CULTURAL SOCIETY (ISCUS) RECEPTION, VISITING USSR VICE-PRESIDENT A.A. MAKANU DECLARED THAT

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21. BRITAIN, U.S. "UNDERMINE ABM TREATY": LONDON.
(PTI) LT. GEN. VICTOR POVLOV, THE SOVIET UNION'S
COMMUNIST PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE MILITARY EXPERT, IN A
JANE'S DEFENCE WEEKLY" INTERVIEW, ACCUSED THE THATCHER
GOVERNMENT OF BECOMING AN ACCOMPLICE OF THE UNITE
STATES IN VIOLATING THE 1972 ABM TREATY. E CITED THE
"MODERNIZATION" OF RADAR SITES N FLYINGDALES, ENGLAND
AND THULE, GREENLAND, SAYING "BOTH SYSTEMS ARE OF THE
PAVE PAWS YPE AND ARE DEPLOYED OUTSIDE U.S. TERRITORY
IOLATING THE ABM TREATY." ("NATIONAL HERALD", THE
TELEGRAPH" OF CALCUTTA, AUGUST 21)

22. WAS IT OPERATION BAHAWALPUR?: WASHINGTON. (ANI)
A WASHINGTON-DATELINED REPORT CARIED BY THE
PRO-CONGRESS(I) DAILY "NATIONL HERALD" IMPLIED
POSSIBLE USG INVOLVEMENT INTHE CRASH THAT KILLED

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'KEY PLAYERS', CENTCOM GENERAL FISTER, PAKISTAN'S
VICE-CHIEF OF STAFF GENERAL MIRZA ASLAM BAIG AND
GENERAL HAMID GUL OF PAKISTAN INTER-AGENCY
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INTELLIGENCE, FROM THE ILL-FATED PLANE WAS DESCRIBED AS
SUGGESTING A 'LARGE PLOT' BEHIND ZIA'S DEATH.
("NATIONAL HERALD", AUGUST 21. SEE REFTEL E)

23. CIA INVOLVEMENT IN ZIA'S PLANE CRASH SUSPECTED:
ISLAMABAD. (CORRESPONDENT) THE ARTICLE ALLEGES THAT
INDIAN EMBASSY PERSONNEL IN PAKISTAN ARE CONCERNED THAT
U.S. EXPERTS INVESTIGATING PRESIDENT ZIA'S PLANE CRASH
MIGHT LEAVE GAPS IN THEIR REPORT WHICH COULD AROUSE
SUSPICION THAT INDIA IS BEHIND THE TRAGEDY. THE STORY
CLAIMS THAT MANY WHO ARE POLITICALLY KNOWLEDGEABLE IN
ISLAMABAD SUSPECT CIA INVOLVEMENT SINCE THE U.S. WAS
EXPRESSING DISPLEASURE OVER ZIA'S HOBNOBBING WITH
FUNDAMENTALISTS AND WAS CREATING OBSTACLES TO

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J OIJUTOCUBMXY TO GREATLY EMBARRASS
THE STATE DEPARTMENT. SUGGESTING THAT THE CRASH WAS AN
ACCIDENT INSTEAD OF SABOTAGE IS A USG ATTEMPT TO HIDE
ITS OWN SHADY ACTIVITIES FROM THE PAKISTANIS. THE
ARTICLE SPECULATES THAT THE U.S. AMBASSADOR AND AN
AMERICAN GENERAL MAY HAVE BEEN SO CLOSE TO THE INDIAN
BORDER BECAUSE "THE AMERICANS WERE EITHER DEVELOPING OR
ALREADY HAD DEVELOPED A BIG BASE IN THE AREA." ("NEWS
TODAY" OF MADRAS. "FREE PRESS JOURNAL" AND "AMRITA
BAZAR PATRIKA" CARRIED PTI VERSION DATED
ISLAMABAD. AUGUST 25)

25. U.S. MEDIA FANNING PAKISTANI PASSIONS AGAINST
INDIA: CALCUTTA. AN ARTICLE IN THE BENGALI DAILY
"BARTAMAN" DEPRECATED AMERICAN NEWSPAPERS' ALLEGED
EFFORTS TO CREATE ANGER AMONG PAKISTANI PEOPLE AGAINST
INDIA BY SUGGESTING THAT INDIA IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ZIA'S
DEATH. THE ARTICLE CAUTIONED AGAINST SPREADING THIS
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BELIEF IN PAKISTAN BECAUSE IT COULD LEAD TO A BLOODBATH
IN THE SUB-CONTINENT. (BENGALI DAILY "BARTAMAN" AUGUST
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26. AIDS CONSPIRACY THEORIES: THE INDEPENDENT
PUNE-BASED DAILY "MAHARASHTRA TIMES" CARRIED AN ARTICLE
BY LAJPAT RAI (A SENIOR INDIAN EMPLOYEE OF THE SOVIET
PRESS AND INFORMATION DEPARTMENT IN BOMBAY) REPEATING
CHARGES THAT THE AIDS VIRUS IS A PRODUCT OF BIOLOGICAL
WEAPONS RESEARCH IN THE UNITED STATES. ("MAHARASHTRA
TIMES", AUGUST 26. SEE REFTTEL F)

27. WHO KILLED GEN. ZIA: BOMBAY. THE PRO-MOSCOW
WEEKLY "BLITZ" IN A REPORT, ALLEGED U.S. INVOLVEMENT IN
THE PLANE CRASH THAT KILLED THE PAKISTANI PRESIDENT
GEN. ZIA. THE REPORT SAYS "SOME EYEBROWS ARE BOUND TO
BE RAISED WHEN WE NAME THE AMERICANS. PUBLIC MEMORY
INVARIABLY IS SHORT. AMERICANS HAVE ALWAYS LIQUIDATED
PERSONS WHO HAVE OUTLIVED THEIR UTILITY. DIDN'T THEY
BUMP OFF SYNGMAN RHEE OF SOUTH KOREA AND DIEM OF SOUTH
VIETNAM AFTER THEY BECAME EXPENDABLE?....ZIA-UL-HAQ OF
PAKISTAN, ALSO, HAD BEEN FAST REACHING SUCH A
POSITION." (WEEKLY "BLITZ" AUGUST 27. SEE REFTTEL G)

28. VOA ANTI-DEMOCRATIC: CALCUTTA. WEST BENGAL'S

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SUBJECT: SOVIET PROPAGANDA AND DISINFORMATION THEMES
"DAINIK BASUMATI", ATTACKED IN AN EDITORIAL, THE
"CENSORING" OF A VOA CORRESPONDENT CAROLINE WEAVER WHO
SUBMITTED AN ARTICLE CRITICAL OF VOA TO THE "COLUMBIA
JOURNALISM REVIEW". (CALCUTTA'S BENGALI DAILY "DAINIK
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BASUMATI", AUGUST 27. SEE REFTEL H)

29. U.S. SOLDIERS IN PANAMA ON A RAMPAGE: (PL) A
PANAMANIAN DAILY "CRITICA" ACCUSED U.S. SOLDIERS
STATIONED IN PANAMA OF COMMITTING RAPE, ROBBERY AND
MURDER. THE PAPER SAID THAT AN AMERICAN SOLDIER,
JELLING M. GERAD RAPED MARIA EUGENIA STEVENSON, AND
LATER BROKE HER NECK ON NOVEMBER 5 LAST YEAR.
("PATRIOT", "NATIONAL HERALD" AUGUST 29)

30. DUMPING OF WASTES: NEW DELHI. (CNS) THE
COMMUNIST PARTY OF INDIA'S BENGALI DAILY "KALANTAR"
CARRIED A CENTRAL NEWS SERVICE (CNS) STORY WHICH
ACCUSED THE UNITED STATES AND OTHER CAPITALIST
COUNTRIES OF "MAKING THE THIRD WORLD A DUMPING GROUND
OF WASTE MATERIAL." CITING A REPORT "PREPARED BY SOME
UNOFFICIAL ORGANIZATIONS IN ASIA", THE STORY REPEATS
ALLEGATIONS MADE EARLIER BY THE MALAYSIA-BASED "THIRD
WORLD NETWORK" (SEE PARA 13) INCLUDING THE CHARGE THAT
INDIA ALSO IS BEING USED BY WESTERN NATIONS AS A TOXIC
WASTE DUMPING GROUND. (BENGALI DAILY "KALANTAR",
AUGUST 30. SEE REFTEL I) BALDYGA

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